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**DUGGAN
LARRAZ
GRACIA**



Not long ago, under a particularly evil part of New Jersey.

Welcome, my friends.

Everyone hold!

Three... two... one-- cheese!

What is "cheese"?

A power word, obviously.



Thank you.
I wanted a
photograph to
remember you
all by.

Today is
the day we spoke
about. The great war
will begin before the
sun sets.

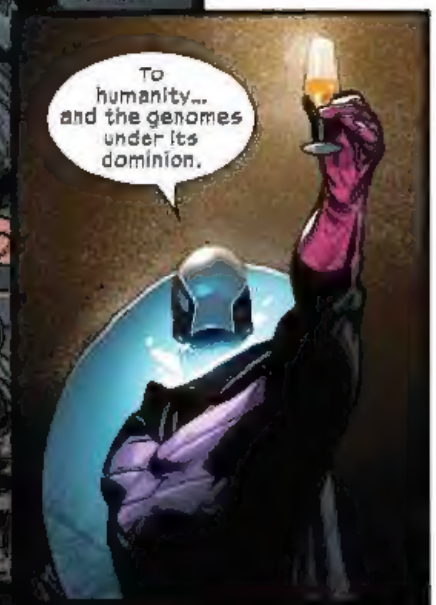
Earth will
long remember
the blow that you
brave chimeras
strike against
mutantdom
today.

Print that
photograph,
Bornan.

Of course,
Dr. Stasis.



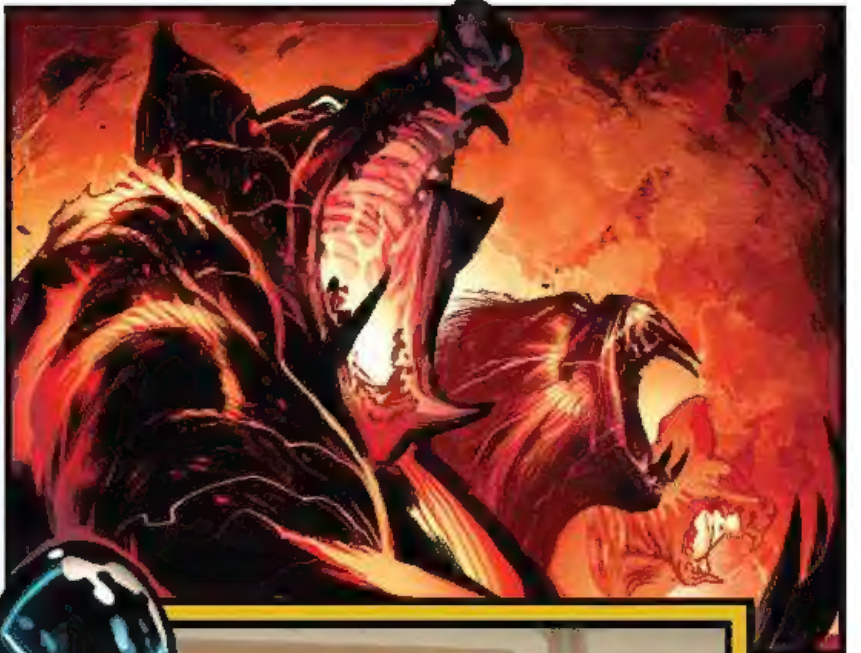
A
toast, my
friends.



To
humanity...
and the genomes
under its
dominion.



This is
just a little
something to put
a pep in your paw's
step...and to get
your blood
boiling.



Go, my
friends--make
war!

I must
have his body
on a slab by
dusk.



Make me
proud!

Bring the
van around,
Borman.

And if I
don't return
to New Jersey
tonight, you
know what
to do.

I do,
Dr. Stasis.



X-MEN

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THIS IS HOW IT HAPPENS

Previously, Dr. Stasis of Orchis, the anti-mutant organization, managed to get his hands on an autopsy report of Cyclops after an assault on the Orchis' Mother Mold Facility. Soon after, human reporter Ben Urich received a tip, leading him to discover the secret of mutant resurrection.

Between now and then, someone has erased Ben Urich's memory of resurrection -- but at what cost? And more importantly, can the X-Men afford to pay it as they suffer under the public loss of one of their own? Cyclops is dead, and he's not coming back.



Cyclops



Sunfire



Marvel Girl



Synch



Captain
Krakoa



Wolverine



Dr. Stasis

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The aftermath.

Welcome back.

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Thank you.

Was...
was it a good death?

Are any
of them?

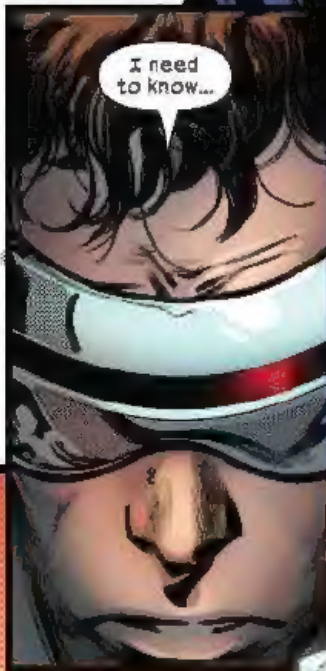
I don't know how I wake up
already tired, but...I should
suit up and get back. The
X-Men need me.

Scott. You...you cannot
possibly just...return
to the Treehouse.



Show me.

I can't. I've avoided it, but the news hit like a bomb.



Mister Carnation, would you please meet me in Forge's laboratory? Our nation has yet another emergency.



Earlier.





All right,
X-Men.

We're a
little shorthanded
with Polaris, Jean and
Rogue on Arakko--but
hopefully, you're all in
the mood to fight
monsters.

We'll make
short work
of whatever
this is.

Honestly, it's
a nice change
of pace from
spaceships.

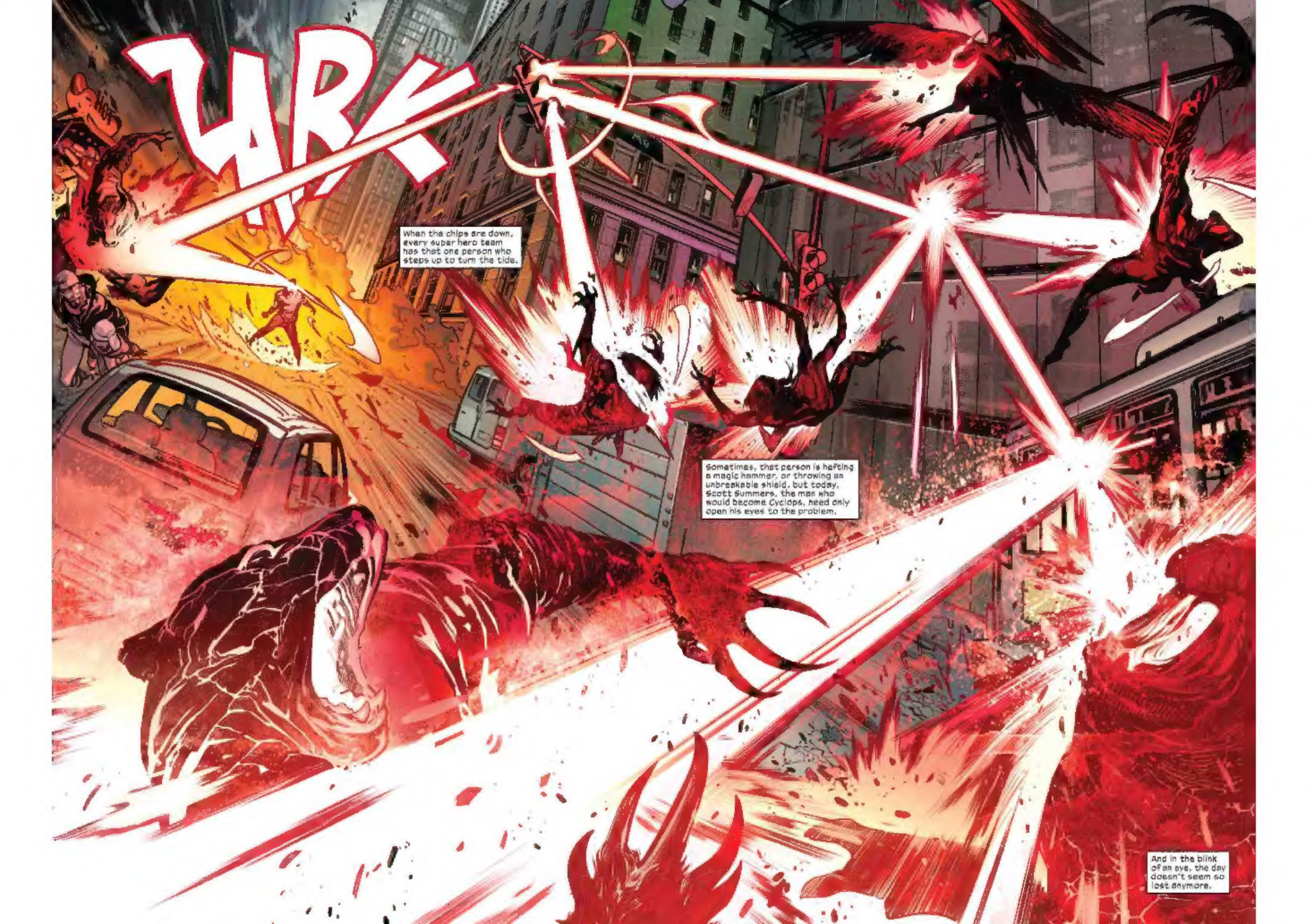
Shiro, will
you lay down a
firebreak?

With
pleasure.

Good.
None of them
get beyond us,
got it?

Now,
because we're
shorthanded...

...I'm gonna
swing the big
stick.



When the chips are down,
every super hero team
has that one person who
steps up to turn the tide.

Sometimes, that person is having
a magic hammer, or throwing an
unbreakable shield, but today,
Scott Summers, the man who
would become Cyclops, need only
open his eyes to the problem.

And in the blink
of an eye, the day
doesn't seem so
lost anymore.

WHUP

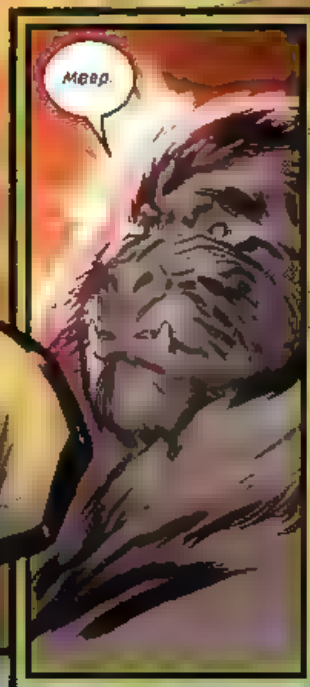
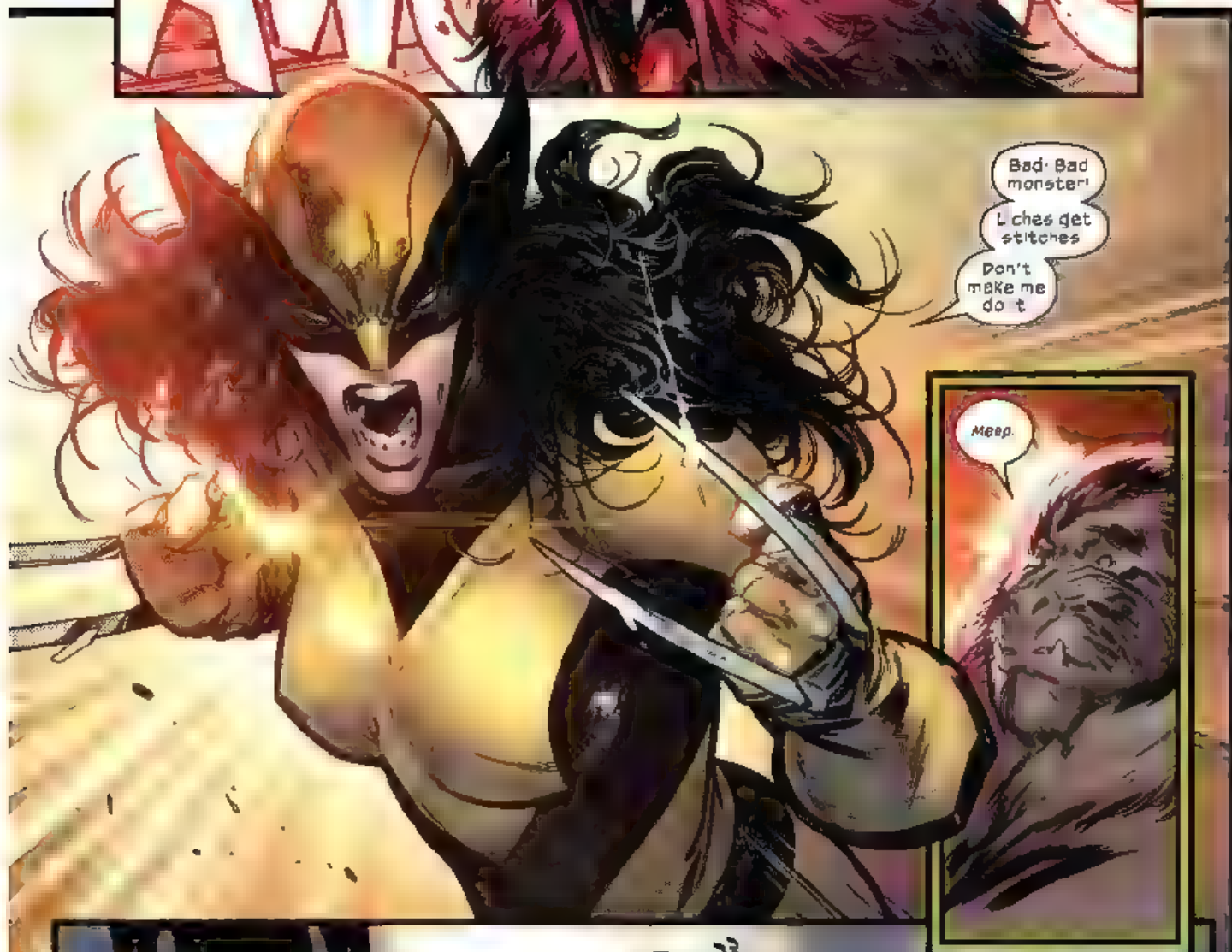
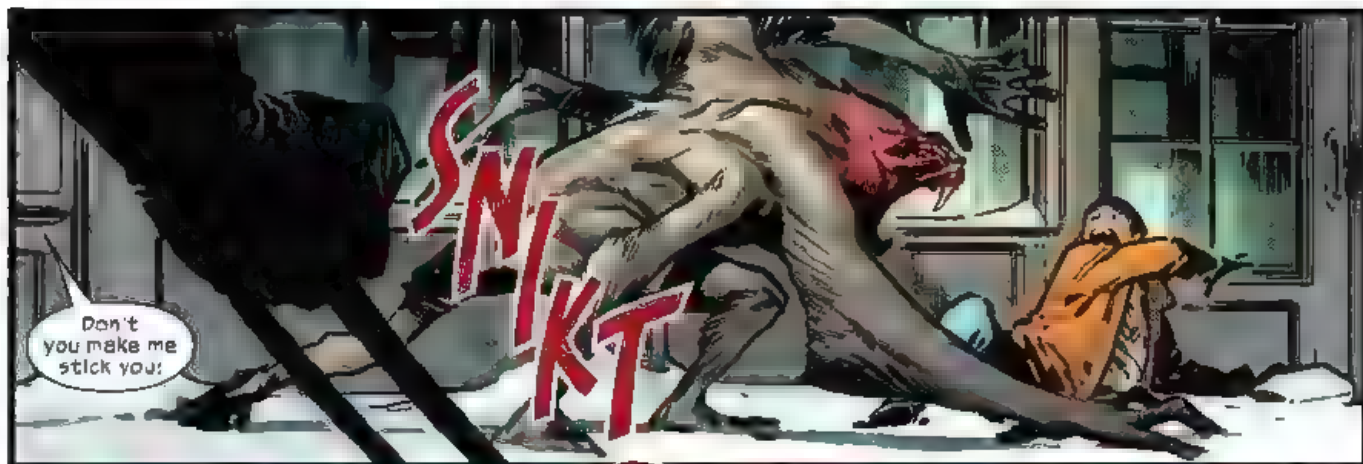
When I see you go off like that, it takes me back to what you said back at the Hellfire Gala.

Oh?

Being honest, I thought you were a little full of it when you campaigned for the election...

I am the X-Men.

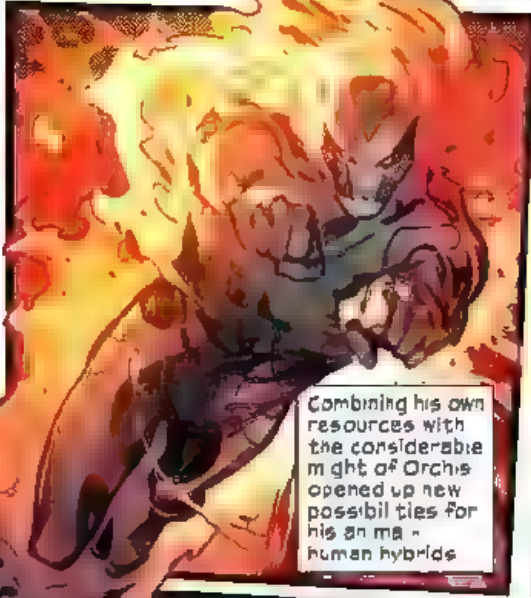
...but where was the leg?







Dr. Stasis had worked hard to make sure the dominos fell correctly today.



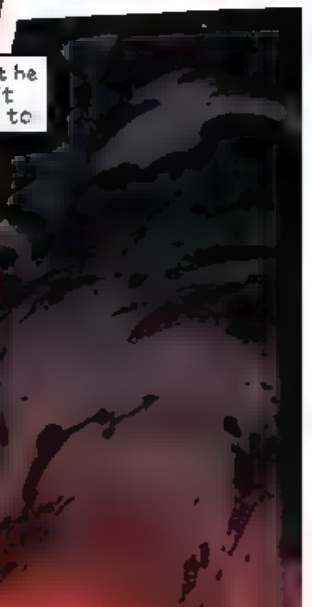
Combining his own resources with the considerable might of Orchis opened up new possibilities for his semi-human hybrids



Sunfire didn't hit the beast hard



--but he didn't have to

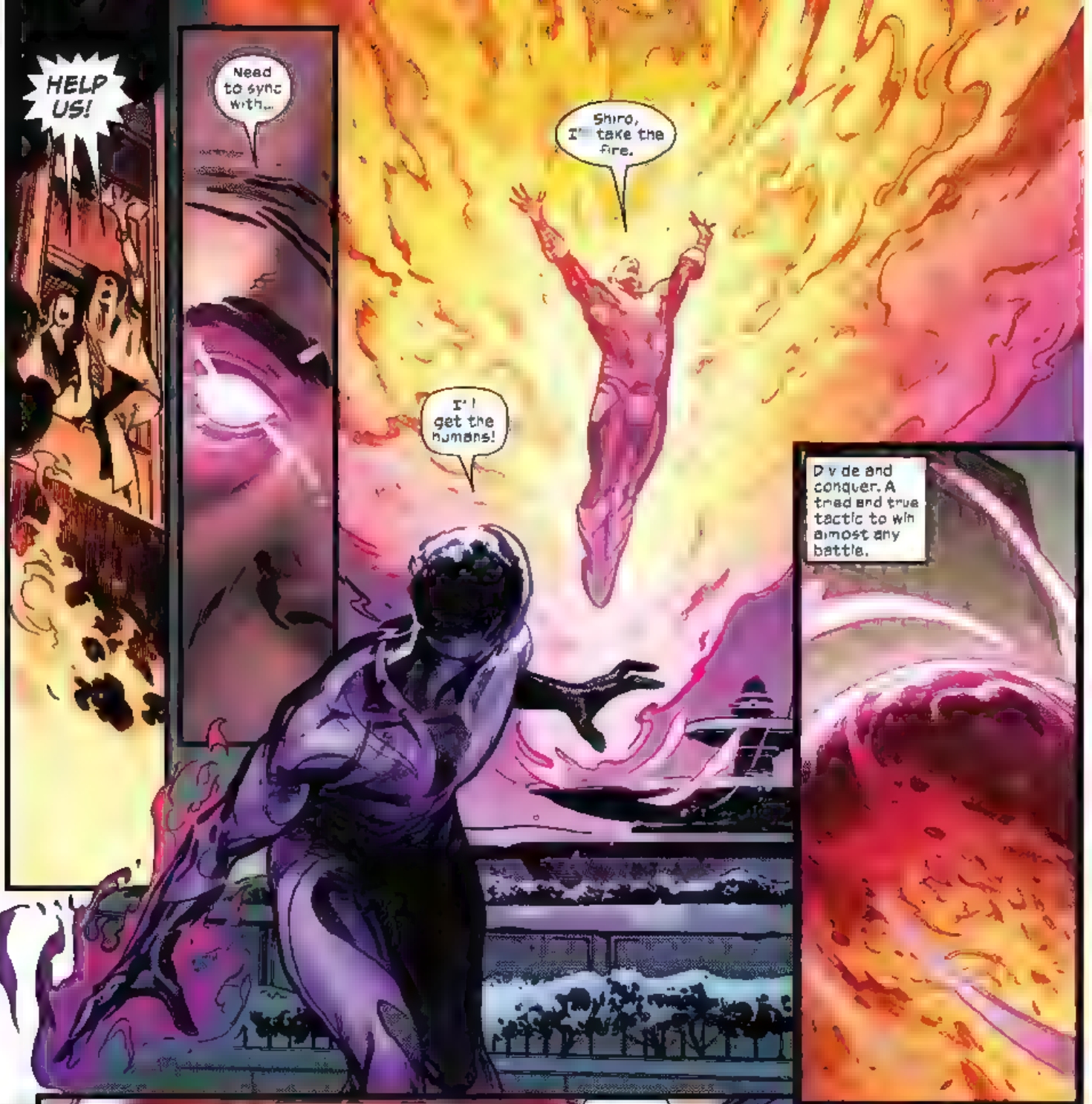


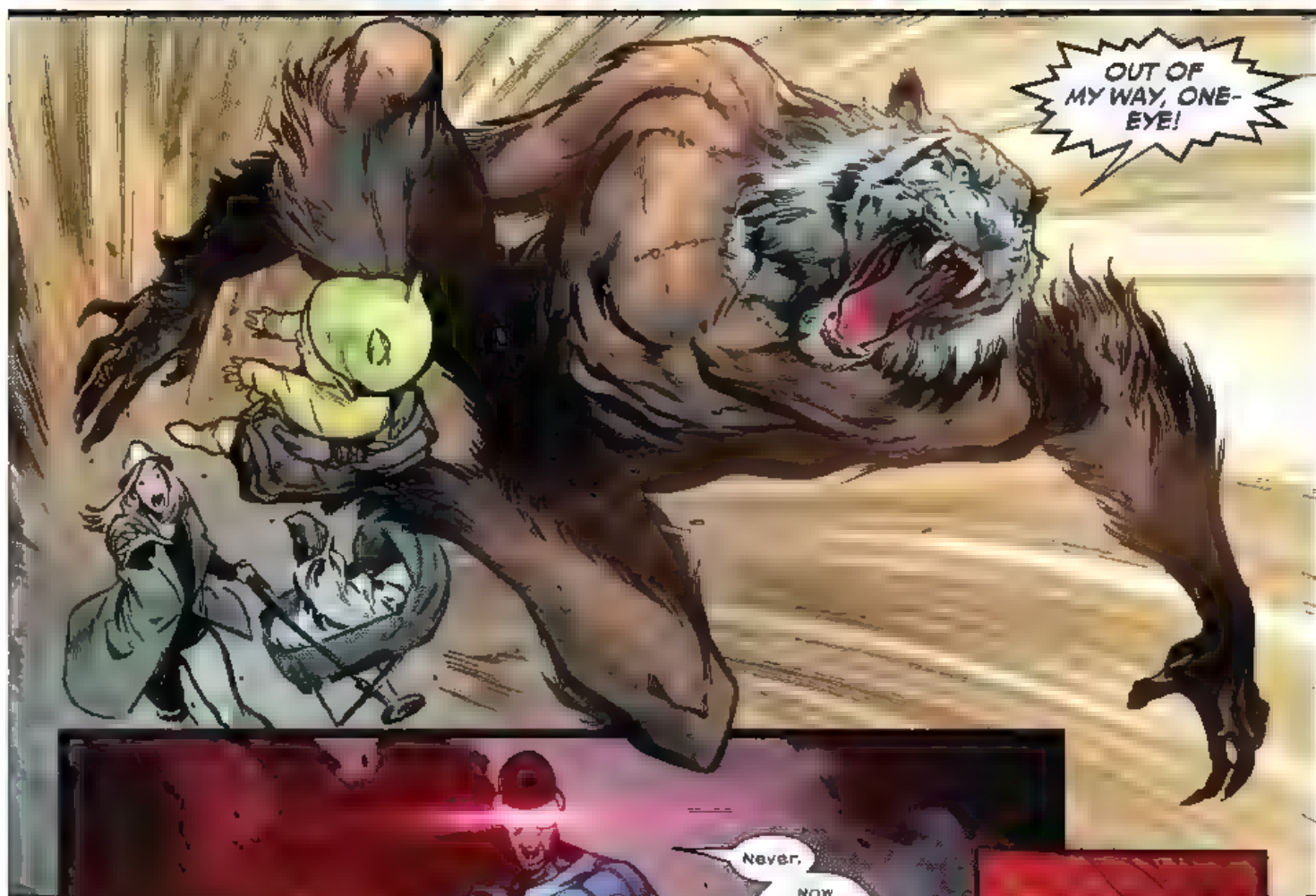
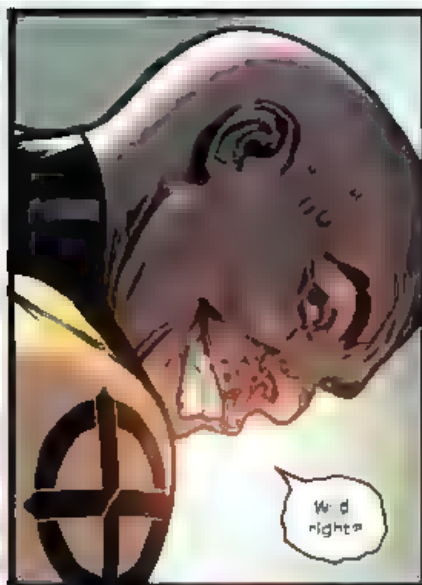
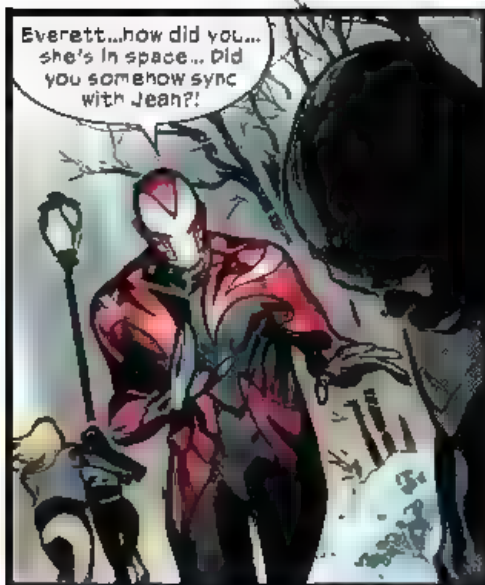
The extremely flammable serum pumping through the hearts of these beasts was a trap for Sunfire.



I didn't hit it that hard--

Oh god







Catch!

Save the world every day. That's the job of the X-Men.

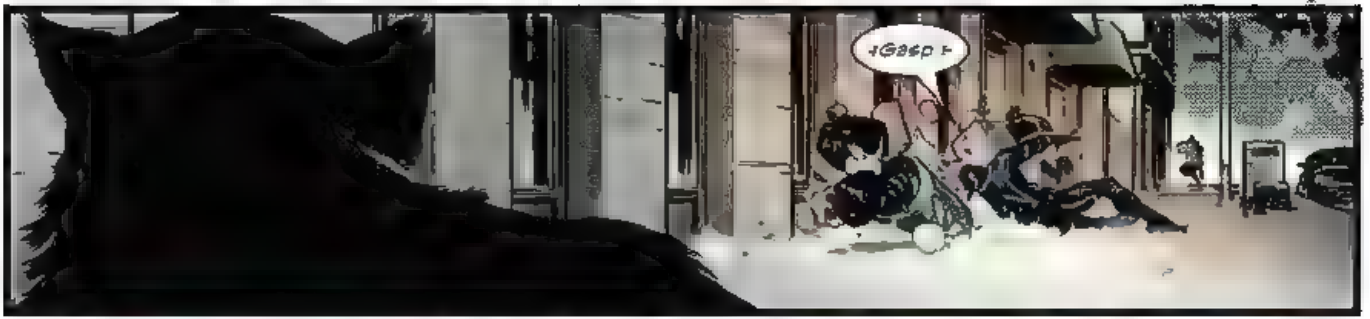


And Cyclops would not fail...



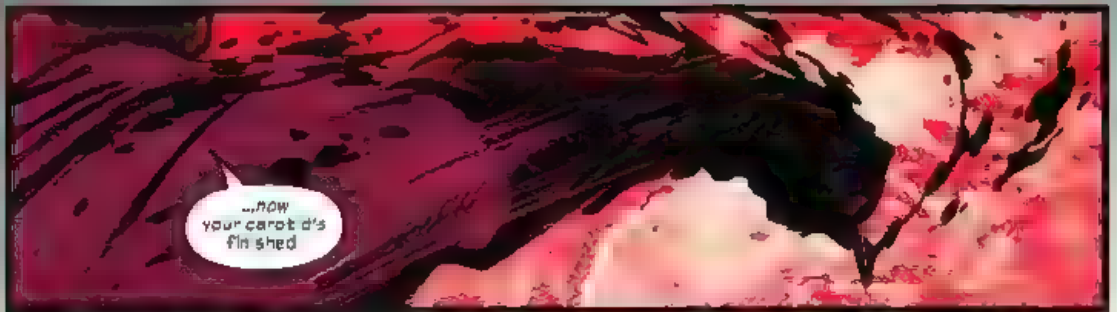
no matter the cost.







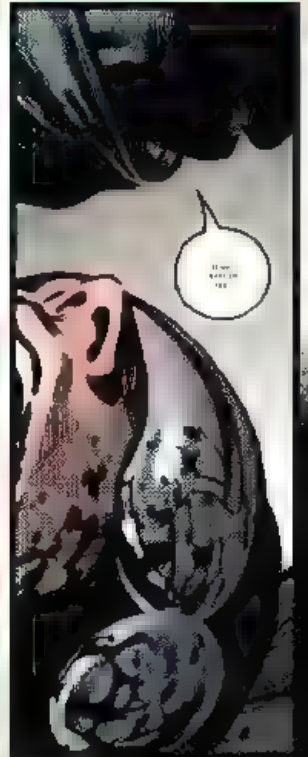
...the bad news is...



...now your carotid's finished



Let's try a little experiment. I'm going to tell you exactly where to find me and let's see if you can remember when you come back.



It was worth it



CYCLOPS!

I'm sorry.

There was nothing I could do for him

And that's the story of how, in front of the world, the best X-Men fell



...and paved the way
for the arrival of
Captain Krakoa

Honest y?
Every X-Man
should be rocking
my new
gear.

I wish
it was a lttle
more "form" and
a little less
"function."



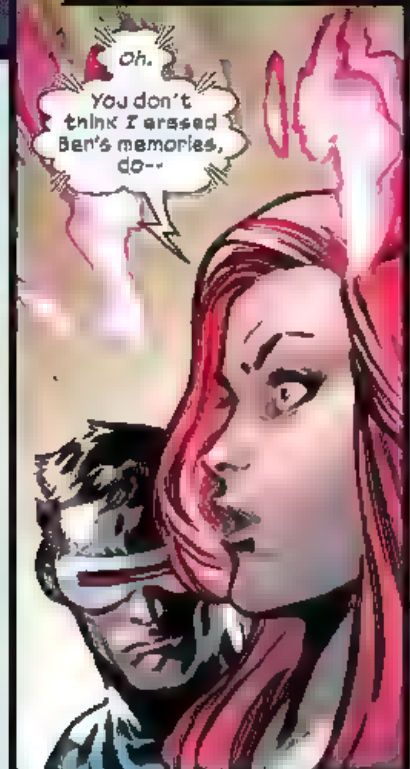
I don't remember
anything about
the day.

Not
surprising,
but--

Wich knew about resurrection...
untl he didn't. I'd like you to look back
on my chat with Ben the other night.

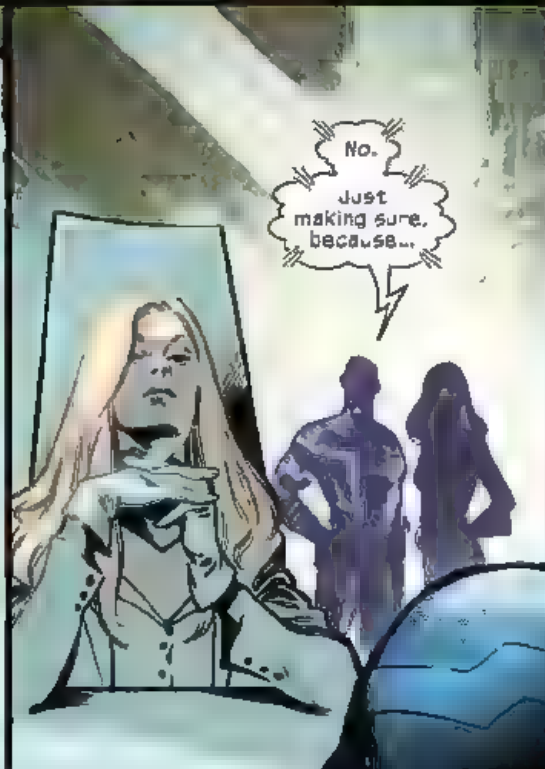
Oh.

You don't
think I erased
Ben's memories,
do--



No.

Just
making sure.
because...



...because we
may be in a two-front
war. One with the Quiet
Council, and of course, we
have a much bigger
problem...





"...somebody's playing a dangerous game with us. And they're ahead."

"And I'm pissed off."

MEDICAL REPORT

PATIENT FILE: #14

RE: Synch's mutant gift

[Krakoa] [MED]
[] [FIL]

Earlier today, the X-Men faced a hoard of monsters and came away victorious at a heavy price. Cyclops was murdered by some monsters in battle, but that is not the issue that has me working late tonight.

I traveled to the Treehouse in New York and examined Synch [Everett Thomas], to whom something remarkable had occurred. Synch's mutant gift allows him to borrow with a high degree of efficiency the mutant gifts of others. To my knowledge, he has not found a mutant gift that he cannot replicate. However, his syncing ability has always required "near field" communication with the mutant he is attempting to copy.

Today's event triggered a remarkable response in which Thomas deployed the powers of Patient File #2 Marvel Girl [Jean Grey]. Grey was off-world at the time of the event in question — making it highly unlikely that Synch reached out across the millions of miles across the vacuum of space to join with Jean's gift.

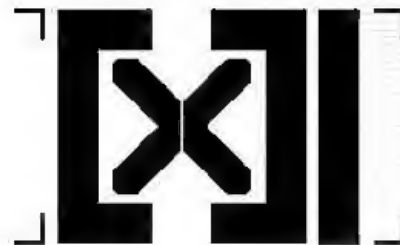
The only plausible explanation returns to the previous entry for this patient. The resurrection protocols are increasing the previous baseline powers, and Synch's power set may now include the ability to retain a limited "muscle memory." His close proximity to Jean since moving to New York may also have helped him pull off this feat.

It should also be noted that Synch is one of my oldest patients after his time in the Vault. His mind is over five centuries old, and it's possible that old dogs can, indeed, learn new tricks. So, whether it's mental, physical or a combination of both, we have a lot more studying to do. Unfortunately, my pleading with him to return to Krakoa for more examinations was rebuffed, and I didn't push too hard. Cyclops' death, while a temporary setback, has deeply upset everyone and given our heroes a public relations hand grenade. Synch promised to get home when he can, and for now, that will have to be good enough.

We define an "Omega mutant" as having no upper limits to their powers, and it may be that we are witnessing the emergence of a new Omega in Synch. It's unclear what, if any, role resurrection has played in the ability to "recall" Jean's powers, more data is needed.

-- Dr. Cecelia Reyes

[REYES] [LOG]
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COMMUNICATION IS A CORNERSTONE OF EVOLUTION

— Mutant builder Forge keeps his thoughts pretty close to the vest. He has networked computers that survive the daily E.M.P. bursts on the island, but all his most important work gets written down in journals. Not in English or Krakoa, but a hybrid code derived from the spoken and endangered Cheyenne language. It's where his best...and most dangerous ideas reside. Forge is therefore the only one who can comprehend his notes.

He spent enough of his life on ideas that destroy, and he's quite fond of the new era of Krakoa expansion and creation. There are journals filled with ideas about building Krakoa up, notes on how to navigate Blightspoke and noodling on the Children of the Vault. One of the latest marvels to make it from the page to reality was one idea about communication.

The E.A.R. or Earth-Arakko-Relay began as a simple diagram of our solar system in his notebook, but the communication system was just deployed with the help of the X-Men. Ten satellites were launched into space with the purpose of connecting mutants on Arakko with mutants on Earth. The broadband speed in Port Genosha is as good as anything the humans have on Earth.

The tricky part was solving for when the sun is between the planets, but that's why he needed so many satellites. Several are dormant depending on the orbits of the sister planets. Beast was none too happy to discover they were deployed before he knew about their existence.

The satellites are well-protected and carry a robust self-destruct system which might seem like overkill for a web of communication satellites, but as with most of Forge's creations, there was a big secret too.

Mutant communication is fundamentally telepathic, and each of the satellites carries a bank of mutant telepathic brains. Forge reckoned correctly that he did not need entire brains, but rather just multiples of telepathic left hemispheres that governed speech and language from a single volunteer. The Five were put off at the request, but Xavier nodded, said he was the donor tissue, and E.A.R. was born.

Marvel Girl described communicating telepathically between Earth and Krakoa like "speaking through a long tube." This irked Forge, as it sounded to him like an imperfection in another one of his fantastic creations. He's noodling on how best to address the criticism.

The existence of the satellites is common knowledge on both worlds, but their telepathic nature is known only to Forge, Krakoa's telepaths, the Quiet Council and the X-Men.



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KRAKOA IS FOR ALL MUTANTS:

X LIVES OF WOLVERINE #1

X DEATHS OF WOLVERINE #1

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MARAUDERS ANNUAL #1

X-MEN #7

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